

Report on the 2020 Admissions Round

Overall picture

1820 applications (excluding 8 withdrawn candidates before interview) were received for 237 undergraduate degrees this year (excluding 55 senior status applications). There were approximately 7.7 applicants per place.

710 candidates were invited to interview, equating to 3.0 per place.

266 offers were made: 236 for Jurisprudence and 30 for Law with Law Studies in Europe; 8 deferred offers

18 Colleges participated in the Open Offer scheme, making 22 offers between them. Colleges making Open Offers are:

College	Open Offer
Balliol	1
Brasenose	2
Christ Church	1
Corpus Christi	1
Exeter	1
Hertford	1
Mansfield	3
Merton	1
Oriel	1
Pembroke	2
Queens	1
Somerville	1
St Anne's	1
St Catherine's	1
St Hugh's	1
St John's	1
St Peter's	1
Trinity	1

17 colleges exported candidates for second college interviews, and these were received by 5 importing colleges.

49 candidates were nominated for consideration by a second college (including 2 senior status candidates). 28 of these candidates were reallocated to a second college and their applications considered (57.1%). 14 of the reallocated candidates received an offer (50.0%) (including 1 senior status candidate). Overall, 28.6% of candidates nominated for reallocation to a second college received offers.

Please see Appendix 1 for further data from the admissions cycle.

Senior Status

56 senior status applications were received. 21 were interviewed, with 2 receiving second interviews at Harris Manchester. 6 were made offers.

Senior status candidates had an application to offer success rate of 10.7% and an interview to offer success rate of 28.6%.

The Admissions Process

LNAT Essay Marking

Centralised essay marking was trialed this year. New, Somerville and St Edmund Hall opted out of centralised marking. Each college who were part of the scheme marked approximately 119 essays each with most colleges having to mark more essays except for Brasenose and University College. The average number of extra essays marked was 63. There were more third marking than anticipated. A total of 342 essays were third marked out of 1762 essays marked.

A large amount of essays was clustered around the 60-66 region (1086 in total) which made it very difficult to differentiate between candidates. Only 22 students were given 70 marks and above.

LNAT Mark	No of applications
50 and below	14
51 to 55	99
55-59	408
60	187
61	136
62	173
63	194
64	154
65	133
66	109
67	77
68	50
69	37
70	16
71	6

Selection Committee Recommendation

Total No. of international student reviewed	629
Total No. of mature students reviewed	98
	727
Before interview	
No of R candidates selected for interview	117
No of R candidates reallocate by selection committee	68
No of NR candidates selected for interview	21
No of R candidates rejected before interview	20
Total no of R candidates	226
After interview	
No of R candidates offered	59
No of NR candidates offered	5

R – Recommended

NR – Not Recommended

Opportunity Oxford – Bridging Programme

There were 20 Opportunity Oxford offers made for Law out of 76 eligible candidates invited for interview. The following colleges made offers for the programme.

Christ Church	2
Corpus Christi	2
Exeter	2
Lady Margaret Hall	1
Magdalen	1
Mansfield	2
Pembroke	1
St Anne's	2
St Edmund Hall	1
St Hilda's	1
Trinity	1
University	1
Wadham	1
Worcester	2

Appendix 1: Law Faculty Statistics and Information

Applications

Total applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1884 applications total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1828 for the Jurisprudence BA and Law with Law Studies in Europe - 1536 for the Jurisprudence BA - 292 for LSE - 56 for Senior Status (not included in the stats below) <p>Please note that 9 candidates included in these total numbers withdrew either before or after shortlisting.</p>
Breakdown of applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 318 Open Applications • 51 deferred entry applications • The gender split was 1161 female to 667 male applicants • 1053 applicants were categorised as 'Home' applicants; 218 were from the EU; and 557 were from overseas • 232 Band A candidates; 281 Band B candidates • 135 applicants were disability flagged. • 158 mature candidates.
Number of applicants shortlisted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 710 interviewees total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 38.8% from application to shortlisting • 596 for Jurisprudence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 38.8% from application to shortlisting (compared with Jurisprudence cohort) • 114 for LSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 39.0% from application to shortlisting (compared with LSE cohort) • 106 Band A candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 45.7% from application to shortlisting (compared with Band A cohort) • 117 Band B candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 41.6% from application to shortlisting (compared with Band B cohort) • 57 disability flagged candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 42.2% from application to shortlisting (compared with applicants were disability flagged) • 64 mature candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 40.5% from application to shortlisting (compared with the mature candidates cohort)
Number of applicants offered places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 266 offers total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 37.5% from interview to offer - 14.6% from application to offer • 218 for Jurisprudence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 36.6% from interview to offer - 14.2% from application to offer • 30 for LSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 26.3% from interview to offer - 10.3% from application to offer • 48 LSE applicants received an offer for Jurisprudence or LSE. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 42% from interview to offer - 16.4% from application to offer • 19 disability flagged candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 33.3% from interview to offer - 14.1% from application to offer • 47 Band A candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 44.3% from interview to offer - 20.3% from application to offer

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40 Band B candidates<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 34.2% from interview to offer- 14.2% from application to offer• 14 mature flagged candidates<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 21.9% from interview to offer- 8.9% from application to offer• The total includes 22 Open Offers |
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Test scores

All Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LNAT Multiple Choice Score<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mean = 24 (23.98)- Median = 24- Standard Deviation = 5.46
Shortlisted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LNAT Multiple Choice Score<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mean = 28 (27.65)- Median = 28- Standard Deviation = 4.10
Offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LNAT Multiple Choice Score<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mean = 29 (28.71)- Median = 30- Standard Deviation = 4.38

GCSE A* grades

Of those applicants who had undertaken GCSEs, the average number of achieved A* grades for those who were offered places was 8. Offers were made to candidates ranging from those with no A* grades up to those with 13A*s.

Second College Interviews

46 candidates were nominated for second college interviews, 3 for reserve second interviews.

13 candidates nominated for a second interview received an offer (including one offer for LSE)